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Applicant: ISHIWARI et al. Conf.: 9616
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For: POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE BLOCK-SHAPED
MOLDED ARTICLE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
THE SAME

RESPONSE TO UNITY OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 10, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Unity of Invention Requirement dated May 9, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments

In the Claims

Please add the following new claim 8.

--8. A method of producing a polytetrafluoroethylene block-shaped molded article, comprising inserting a polytetrafluoroethylene preform obtained by compression-molding a polytetrafluoroethylene powder, into a pipe in a state in which a symmetry axis of the preform is horizontal; placing the pipe on two rolls spaced apart in a horizontal direction; and heating the preform to bake the preform while rotating the pipe and the preform by rotating at